POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Chief Public Health Informatics Officer

The Tennessee Department of Health is seeking a Chief Public Health Informatics Officer for the Commissioner's Office. This position will lead the integration and further development of department-wide informatics capacity.

Responsibilities include:
- Identify major objectives for the department regarding public health informatics, manage informatics project portfolios, and define and coordinate informatics priorities.
- Provide public health interoperability expertise and evaluate system needs within and across programs to identify areas of integration and improve efficiency. Develop and execute strategies for identified integration opportunities.
- Coordinate and lead a formal network of the department's informatics workforce. Provide directed experiences and training opportunities to that workforce within the department.
- Facilitate the sharing of experiences and knowledge throughout the department to help the existing staff grow professionally and to make the best informatics expertise available to all areas of the department.
- Review and approve all IT projects and associated expenditures for compliance with informatics policies and principles.
- Facilitate interoperability of multiple health data systems via HL7 and Public Health Information Network messaging and recommended best practices.
- Serve as the liaison for eHealth related initiatives, including health information exchanges, and efforts at the state, jurisdictional and local level.
- Make recommendations for policies and practices related to the use of messaging and vocabulary standards, interoperability and integration, electronic health record technology, and trust brokering to facilitate improved communications and information management within the department and amongst external public health partners.
- Develop, leverage and manage relationships and partnerships with agencies within federal, state and local levels of government that have authority for implementation of national initiatives such as Meaningful Use programs.
- Analyze, critique, and recommend actions related to public health informatics solution adoption, policies and resource procurement to achieve departmental objectives.

The ideal candidate will have:
- MD, PhD or Master's degree preferred with 5-8 years in a senior informatics leadership role with experience in planning, directing and formulating policies; setting strategies; and providing overall direction of informatics activities, development and services within the parameters of governing bodies. Public health experience at the local, state and/or national level is also preferred.
- Highly specialized knowledge in the area of public health informatics and healthcare systems.
- Ability to apply principles, theories and practices of public health informatics, and standards of information systems to a wide range of complex business needs, to meet departmental objectives.
- Outstanding communication, stakeholder engagement and collaboration skills.

This is an executive service position and interested applicants should send a resume to Wendy Barrickman (Wendy.Barrickman@tn.gov). ***The State of Tennessee is an equal opportunity, equal access, affirmative action employer.***